



Carbondale Historical Society and Museum, Inc.

Post Office Box 151, Carbondale, PA 18407

Dear Robert,

9/15/84

Yes, I will serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Carbondale Historical Society and Museum, Inc. I certainly hope that Miss Stevens does not become a member and what got into Henry to do such a thing. Perhaps it is a ploy of Bob Tomaines' to raise up her hopes and then to shoot them down.

I was very sad to find out that you did not get a chance to pick up the stuff at my house, but I can only hope that you will pick it up so that it can be read at the next Executive Committee meeting, whenever that is.

I was glad to hear that the Mayor is in better spirits and I hope that your talk with her was friendly and came to some good.

I certainly hope that you can get the police involved in the "Case of the Trampled Flower Boxes." What plans do you have at the moment for the retrieved fountain? Will the City let you/us put it back in the Park?

I checked at the Library and they do have a complete set of Northeastern Pennsylvania. I will be getting a copy of that listing for you very shortly.

I wrote to the Carbondale Nursing Home on 9/10/84 about their non-payment of the flower box bill and so hopefully they will be correcting that shortly. Enclosed are two newspaper articles that I thought you might find interesting.

Have you ever heard of or seen a volume called Historical Collections of the State of Pennsylvania by Sherman Day published in 1843? Well, I found a copy of it in a book store today, however it was priced at \$50.00 so I couldn't buy it. I tried to make a deal to buy a photocopy of certain sections that were of local interest, but they wouldn't do that. I'm going to check if the Public Library has it or maybe the college library. The book contains sections on Luzerne County and Wayne County. Carbondale is mentioned several times, and there is a woodcut of "Churches of Carbondale" that I don't think I have seen before.

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memorabilia
There is a display of political memorabilia at the National Archives, which happens to be located in the former Post Office on Chestnut St. I'm planning to go see it in the near future.

Would you like to get some more t-shirts made up? I could get them done here at school in the Graphics Media Center. The price would be \$45.00 to set up the silk screen and .25 per shirt for the printing. We would have to provide the shirts or they could get them for us at a reduced price. I don't know how much the shirts would be, but if you think it might be feasible tell how many shirts we would want and then I'll check on the prices.

Have you been called in to substitute yet? Did you notice my new letterhead? I know the border is a little crooked, but what are ya gonna do, huh? Has there been any word at all from the Gratten-Singer Hose Co. or from Mrs. Obadiah? If you send me the addresses I will write them a follow up letter. If I had my files with me I could have done it already, but everything like that is at home.

Well, I hope to hear from you soon. It is so good to get mail. The only thing is I wish it was spread out a bit because I received your letter and one from my mother on the same day. C'est la vie. I had my first Polish class and it seems as if it is going to be interesting.

Yours truly from Philadelphia,

John K. Simpson

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Two enclosures - Philadelphia Enquirer

1) 8-14-84 - p. 170 - "Cathedral ceilings can be played up"
* add high drama by Steven Zolby

2) 9-13-84 - p. 1 - "Crime pays for towns as compensated
goats go fast at auction" by
Sandra M. Denton

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John K —

- your "reports" were picked up at 78 Jefferson Street and read to the Executive Committee. Not surprisingly, they are models of clarity & logical thinking. Thank you.
- Aaron Moran (who trampled the flower boxes) has not been prosecuted. Big Rita saw him do it and she will not testify & so it is his word against that of a witness who will not testify (Big Rita) & so Moran is free as a bird.
- one of the two fountains that used to be in Memorial Park (the one that was at Main Street and served as a watering trough for the horses) will be retrieved on Tuesday by Custy Malenars & stored in the city garage prior to installation. Jean Colville is actively pushing them yet -- Bob Davis and Charlotte Moss are now involved.
- How gratifying to know that Temple University Library had the good sense to purchase all published issues of Northeastern Pennsylvania.
- Let's discuss the Sherman Day volume entitled "Historical Collections of the State of Pennsylvania." I don't believe we can afford \$50 at present.
- It's good to know you have a source for getting T-shirts done. At the moment, we can't afford T-shirts. I know & must sound like the Mayor -- "We can't afford it. We can't afford it."
- My substitute calls so far -- one at Lakeland, where I taught Spanish all day (yuck!), and twice at Forest City, where I served as Librarian. Shoved it.
- Your letterhead is shocking. I can not allow such racy stuff in my Baptist Church. I shall speak to Morrison Homan about you and your kinky writing paper.
- No word from Gratten-Singer & no word from Mrs. Stella Obadiah (9 Reservoir St, Simpson; our letter dated 6/25/84)

our letter, 6/25
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